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Dear friends,

Enjoy reading our big plans for 2022, to which we were very much looking forward to. It is refreshing to have our agendas filled again with wonderful international activities. We have a full year ahead, with big festivals, exciting innovative events and a premiere in the European choral scene - Leading Voices, the European days for vocal and choral leaders.

In this brochure, you will find a careful selection of the international activities organised, co-organised or promoted by the European Choral Association. All these activities are open to choirs and singers, vocal leaders/conductors, creators/composers, educators/teachers and other choral lovers from Europe and beyond.

We hope to have the chance to meet you at one of these events and we would be happy to exchange our experiences towards music, projects and the future of collective singing in Europe! Members of member organisations of our association, as well as members of the Friends of the European Choral Association benefit from reduced prices in most events.

Due to the current situation in Europe, some of the events may suffer changes.

For more detailed information on all the events, reach out to the organisers or find more detailed informations on our website: [www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org](http://www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org)

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For choirs



For conductors



For composers



For choral managers



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# Introduction

## EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION

### Types of activities offered under the label of the European Choral Association

All activities promoted by the European Choral Association including those published in this brochure are based on the following principles:

- activities for choirs and singers, vocal leaders/conductors, creators/composers, educators/teachers and managers, organised by European Choral Association or in partnership are **non-competitive**. Among the activities promoted there can be special competitions or educational offers in relation to competitions, especially if the organisers are members of the Choral Festival Network.
- all activities have an **educational aspect** (which can be a training course, workshops, choir-to-choir concerts, Open Singing or other elements which help participants improve their level of knowledge).
- all activities are **international**, welcoming participants from outside the host country and providing information and activities in English for an important part of the programme.

There are three basic types of activities published under the label of the European Choral Association:

#### 1. Activities of the European Choral Association



These activities are designed by European Choral Association and travel between different countries. They have a typical structure which remains the same with some aspects adapted each time. The European Choral Association is involved in the artistic design and the most important decision-making processes and the participation fees include reduced fees for direct and indirect members of European Choral Association as well as for participants from specific country groups (European Choral Association fee system based on a solidarity principle):

- Leading Voices (next: 2022 in Utrecht, The Netherlands)
- EUROPA CANTAT festival (next in 2024, location to be announced)
- EUROPA CANTAT junior (next in 2022 in Vilnius, Lithuania and 2023 in Ghent, Belgium)
- EuroChoir
- World Youth Choir
- Workshops in connection with annual General Assemblies of European Choral Association
- Activities offered in the frame of specific EU-funded projects such as capacity-building workshops, webinars, grant schemes etc.



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## 2. Activities in partnership with the European Choral Association



Events for choirs, singers, conductors, composers or managers, with differing and flexible structure and programmes. The artistic programme is developed in partnership with European Choral Association and the participation fees are based on the European Choral Association system (see above).

## 3. Activities from the network, promoted by the European Choral Association



Different types of choral events that European Choral Association has decided to promote since they follow the three principles described above. The concept, structure and artistic programme are developed by the local organizers alone and European Choral Association has no responsibility for the quality of these events.

If you are interested to organize an activity in partnership with European Choral Association or to have one of your international activities promoted by European Choral Association please contact our General Secretariat under:  
[communication@europeanchoralassociation.org](mailto:communication@europeanchoralassociation.org)

# Introduction






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## Gamme d'activités

Vous voulez rencontrer d'autres chanteurs, chefs de chœur, compositeurs ou managers de tout âges ? Vous cherchez de nouvelles sources d'inspiration et voulez chanter avec des gens venus de toute l'Europe et au delà ?

Vous pouvez choisir parmi une grande gamme d'activités pour chœurs, groupes vocaux, choristes, chefs de chœur, compositeurs et managers, dans un esprit interculturel et d'apprentissage mutuel. Nous publions dans cette brochure trois types d'activités éducatives, internationales sous le label d'European Choral Association :

-  **Activités d'European Choral Association** (Festival EUROPA CANTAT, EUROPA CANTAT junior, EuroChoir, conférences, etc.) avec des frais de participation réduits pour les membres indirects d'ECA-EC et certains groupes de pays (système European Choral Association basé sur la solidarité)
-  **Activités en coopération avec European Choral Association** (avec système European Choral Association pour les frais de participation)
-  **Activités du réseau choral que le CA d'European Choral Association a décidé de promouvoir**, sans responsabilité pour la qualité de l'activité et son programme




[www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org](http://www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org)

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## Bandbreite von Aktivitäten

Suchen Sie nach einer Quelle der Inspiration, oder möchten Sie Sänger/innen, Chorleiter/innen, Komponist/innen und Manager/innen aller Altersstufen treffen? Möchten Sie gemeinsam mit Menschen aus ganz Europa und darüber hinaus singen?

Sie können aus einer großen Bandbreite von Aktivitäten für Chöre, Vokalensembles, Sänger/innen, Chorleiter/innen, Komponist/innen und Manager/innen auswählen, die ein interkulturelles Umfeld bieten und gegenseitiges Lernen ermöglichen. In dieser Broschüre präsentieren wir unter dem Label von European Choral Association drei Arten von internationalen Veranstaltungen mit pädagogischem Schwerpunkt an:

-  **Aktivitäten von European Choral Association** (EUROPA CANTAT Festival, EUROPA CANTAT junior, Euro-Choir, Konferenzen usw.) mit reduzierten Teilnahmegebühren für indirekte Mitglieder von European Choral Association und bestimmte Ländergruppen (European Choral Association Gebührensystem mit Solidaritätsprinzip)
-  **Aktivitäten in Partnerschaft mit European Choral Association** (mit European Choral Association Gebührensystem)
-  **Aktivitäten aus dem Chornetzwerk**, die das Präsidium von European Choral Association bewerben möchte, ohne dass ECA-EC Verantwortung für die Qualität der Aktivitäten und ihrer Programme trägt

[www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org](http://www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org)

# Conductors



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONDUCTORS AND VOCAL LEADERS



### Dear conductors,

In 2022 there will be a rich choice of activities for you!

We are offering a rich programme for conductors and vocal leaders at the new European days for choral conductors and vocal leaders - Leading Voices in Utrecht this summer, as well as activities in partnership, and promoting several training courses, conferences and conventions for conductors in different countries. They are all open to international participation with at least a good part of the programme in English.

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57th Barcelona International Choral Festival	Barcelona, Spain	4-10/07/2022	p.23
Leading Voices	Utrecht, Netherlands	27-31/07/2022	p.24
Choralies	Vaison La Romaine, France	3-11/08/2022	p.25
International Competition for Choral Conductors	Torino, Italy	21-23/10/2022	p.25

There are also **financial supports schemes** for conductors and composers such as:

- the **Noël Minet Fund Scholarships** (p.8) for conductors and composers under 30
- the Financial Support for your **Peer-to-Peer Training** (p.9), you can invite a conductor from abroad or travel yourself to work with a choir of one of your professional contacts



# Scholarships



## SCHOLARSHIPS

**For talented conductors and composers under 30 with limited economic resources**

**In 2022 the Noël Minet Fund, administered by the Friends of the European Choral Association will offer scholarships up to 500€ each, applying for:**

- EuroChoir
- Study tour at the Choralies Festival
- 6th Walter Strauss Choral Conducting Masterclass
- International Summer school for Conductors
- Leading Voices
- International Competition for Choral Conductors

### **Applicants must send (in English):**

- CV
- Letter of application with reasons for applying and mentioning if you applied or will receive other funds
- 2 letters of recommendation

**By email to** jozi.vovk@europeanchoralassociation.org  
**Deadline for applications:** 30/04/2022

### **Note**

Your application for the scholarship is an addition to your application to a specific event. Please apply to your desired event according to their deadlines. **If the deadline for the event is earlier than April 2022, you may apply for the scholarship in advance.** Further information on: <https://europeanchoralassociation.org/activities/grants/>



## PEER-TO-PEER TRAINING

### Financial Support for your Peer-to-Peer Training

We offer our members financial contribution to international peer-to-peer (P2P) training projects and learning opportunities in the field of collective singing.

We help you to realise your international cooperation projects, enabling you to share your experience, to learn from your peers and to enlarge your network.

Eligible P2P training projects may include learning opportunities for conductors, choirs, staff of choral organisations, board or youth committee members, etc. Do not let financial limitations stand in the way of exchanging with your peers!

#### Funding Conditions:

- At least one of the parties an indirect member of the European Choral Association which includes members of the Friends of the European Choral Association
- It's an international exchange with an educational aspect for which no party involved receives payment
- Funding will cover travel costs up to 400€
- Funding will cover accommodation and meals for up to six days (five nights)

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#### Further information on:

[www.europeanchoralassociation.org/activities/grants/](http://www.europeanchoralassociation.org/activities/grants/)



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# Cooperation projects



## EUROPEAN COOPERATION PROJECTS

### TRAINING LEADING VOICES

The Training Leading Voices project, led by ZIMIHC and co-funded by the Creative Europe programme of the EU, seeks to contribute to the professionalisation of vocal and choral leaders in Europe and the internationalisation of their careers through events in France, Italy, Slovenia and the Netherlands, centring on "Leading Voices", a new major European event for vocal and choral leaders in Utrecht in July 2022.

The project partners are ZIMIHC, the European Choral Association, À Cœur Joie, Feniarco, JSKD and Europa Cantat Utrecht.



#### Events 2022

Leading Voices	Utrecht, Netherlands	27-31/07/2022
Study Tour at Choralies	Vaison-la-Romaine, France	3-11/08/2022
International Competition for Choral Conductors	Turin, Italy	21-23/10/2022
Training Leading Voices Conference at European Choral Association General Assembly	Novi Sad, Serbia	18-20/11/2022

[www.trainingleadingvoices.org](http://www.trainingleadingvoices.org)

## SHIFT

The SHIFT project, led by the European Music Council and co-funded by Erasmus+, is coming to a close in early 2022. Many resources for cultural leaders have been developed in the frame of the project on three particular Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), namely climate change, gender equality and inclusion. Resources include annotated bibliographies, handbooks, interviews and more, designed to help leaders and future leaders of cultural organisations to integrate some of the most important issues of our times into different aspects of their work.



The project partners are the European Music Council, the European Choral Association, the European League of Institutes of the Arts, European Union of Music Competitions for Youth, FACE, IETM, On the move, Trans Europe Halles and the International Music Council.

[www.shift-culture.eu](http://www.shift-culture.eu)

## IGNITE

The European Choral Association has applied for funding under the EU Creative Europe programme under the strand support to cultural networks.



IGNITE - IGNiting an Inclusive and sustainable future for collective singing Throughout Europe. It is a project of the European Choral Association, a network of 60 organisations in 31 countries, dealing with collective singing at the heart of the revitalisation of post-pandemic Europe, due to its effects on the health and wellbeing of the individual and society.



**From 12-2021 until 11-2024**, IGNITE shall contribute to the European Green Deal, increase diversity, inclusion and equity in the sector, strengthen the network, increase its representativeness, empower and train people in the sector, increasing their capacity to become resilient and sustainable, be active internationally, cooperate at European level, and make use of modern technology.

[www.europeanchoralassociation.org/ignite](http://www.europeanchoralassociation.org/ignite)



# Cooperation projects

## SONGS FOR EUROPE

The European Choral Association is an associate partner in the project and will promote and disseminate the project and its results.

### Main partners of the project are:

- Wirth Music Academy Vienna
- Superar Slovakia
- El Sistema Greece
- The House of Good Tones, Srebrenica

### Aims of the project are:

1. Find the best way to address the teachers' pedagogical needs with the Wirth method and its IT tools;
2. Enhance the pedagogical experience of teaching artists and children by testing the wirth method and its IT tools and adapting it for orchestra and beginner's choir;
3. Create an online library of arrangements at various levels for group teaching, that the teaching artists can use freely; it will include European pieces, pieces from the Roma tradition and from the cultural traditions of the different countries of the refugee children involved. Usable also to public schools.
4. Organise exchanges for teaching artists with their peers from the partner organizations for defining best practice, monitoring and evaluation of improvement assisteby IT tools; mutual support in the daily work, regular gatherings an on-line discussions and trainings will be fostered



The European Choral Association is an associate partner in the project Songs for Europe.



EUROPEAN DAYS FOR VOCAL AND CHORAL LEADERS

27-31 July 2022, Utrecht (NL)



# LEADING VOICES

EXPLORE THE FUTURE OF COLLECTIVE SINGING



Onur Türkmen  
Turkey



Majella Hollywood  
Ireland



Árpád Tóth  
Hungary



Jan Schumacher  
Germany



Josep Vila i Casañas  
Spain



Jim Daus Hjærnøe  
Denmark



Kathrin Renggli  
Switzerland



Amy Bebbington  
United Kingdom



Sinta Willur  
The Netherlands



Grete Pedersen  
Norway

**Registration starts January 10**

Leading Voices presents  
70+ sessions  
with session leaders from  
all over Europe.

**Check the website for more info**  
[www.leadingvoices.nl](http://www.leadingvoices.nl)



AN EVENT BY THE EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION

# RelaxSing Costa Barcelona

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*October 2023*



*Further information  
following soon ...*

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[www.RelaxSing.org](http://www.RelaxSing.org)





# World Choral EXPO

3-7 September 2022 | Lisbon, Portugal  
[worldchoralexpo.org](http://worldchoralexpo.org)

Welcome Party Kammerchor Stuttgart IFCM General Assembly Frieder Bernius Workshops Ordinarius IFCM 40th Anniversary Collective Singers Afternoon Concerts Incantare Coro Femenino Gala Concert Maze EXchange! Sessions Mosaica Singers Colorful Voices Portland State Chamber Choir International Masterclass Shallaway Youth Choir Cantemus Youth Choir Open-Air Singing Arhus Girls' Choir

**Participation in the World Choral EXPO 2022 is open to all choirs, vocal ensembles, and individuals from any country.**

## INTERNATIONAL MASTERCLASS for Choral Conductors & Choral Singers

with

**FRIEDER BERNIUS & KAMMERCHOR STUTTART**

### APPLY AS:

- Active Participation Conductor -
- Passive Participation Conductor -
- Choral Singer -

### Masterclass Repertoire:

Rheinberger: Cantus Missae (Círul) | Schoenberg: Friede auf Erden (Schott) | Penderrecki: Agnus Dei (Schott)

Visit the World Choral EXPO website for more information on how to apply for the International Masterclass!



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## JVM - JEUNES VOIX MÉLÉES



Thuir, France | 25-29/05/2022

**Aim group:** Children and youth choirs (from 8 to 18 years old)  
**Organisers:** À Cœur Joie France - Chanterie/ Cantilène  
THUIR

Thuir, located in the south of France, hosts the first edition of the JVM (Jeunes Voix Mêlées) festival. Participating choirs from around Europe will study together in ateliers and open singing, share their experiences and perform in different concerts throughout the city, in the theater, churches, in choir-to-choir concerts and a puzzle concert. Each atelier will consist of three morning rehearsals to prepare the singers for the final concert.

The ateliers will be conducted by renowned conductors: **Panda Van Proosdij** (NL), **Tom Johnson** (BE), **Denis Thuillier** (FR) and **Mathieu Le Nestour** (FR) playing the piano.

Participation fee includes accommodation of guest choirs that will be proposed in families of local choirs. Meals will be taken in the municipal college.

Working language: French and English

**Contact:** [alix.bourrat@orange.fr](mailto:alix.bourrat@orange.fr) / +33 613 277381  
**Further information on:** <https://choraethuir.wixsite.com/chanterie-cantilene/festival-jvm-2022>



## INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL FOR CONDUCTORS AND COMPOSERS “CHORAL LAB. XXI CENTURY”



**Gatchina, Russia | 27/06-02/07/2022**

**Aim group:** Conductors, Composers  
**Organisers:** Interregional Conductors Association of Children and Youth Choirs of North-West, House of folk art of the Committee on Culture of the Leningrad region

**Main themes:** Modern trends in choral music development, children's choirs and pedagogical ideas, new repertoire. Vocal training in a choir, choral solfeggio, choral theatre and theatricalisation in choirs.

During the five days of summer school composers work on a new piece for choir under supervision of the teachers. Every day they have individual lessons with the teacher, group lectures and rehearsals of their piece with the choir. Summer school in 2022 is planned in a hybrid way. It will be held in Gatchina with the possibility to join online.

**Deadline for applications:** 15/05/2022  
**Contact:** [school@choirlab.ru](mailto:school@choirlab.ru)  
**Further information on:** [www.facebook.com/choral.laboratory](http://www.facebook.com/choral.laboratory)



## CHORAL FESTIVAL SINGING BRIDGES



**Novi Sad, Serbia | 19-23/07/2022**

**Aim group:** Choirs (adults), Choirs (youth), Choirs (children), Individual singers, Conductors, Composers, Cultural managers

**Organisers:** Serbian Choral Association

Serbian Choral Association, with the support of the European Capital of Culture - Novi Sad 2022, organizes a big choral event - festival, with 1.500 or more participants. Choirs and conductors from all around Europe and the world are invited. Possibility to participate in workshops with renowned experts, conductors from Serbia, Balkan region and Europe; different levels of rehearsing and preparation, amateurs and beginners as well as experienced singers and professionals are welcome: different programs for various ensembles - mixed, female, male, youth; early sacred music, contemporary music, oratorio, folk songs - authentic, ancient or urban music, possibly with dancing and/or accompaniment of a tamburitza orchestra; musical; singing with and learning from world famous vocal ensembles etc.

Choirs can perform at concerts in wonderful churches and concert venues or to do an open air performance on the banks of the river Danube. Open singing sessions will take place every evening. The Festival will present all kinds of BRIDGES - between cultures and nations, East and West, young and old, amateurs and professionals, music and dance...

**Contact:** pevanjeuhoru@gmail.com  
**Further information on:** <https://novisad2021.rs/en>  
<https://cxa.rs/en/project/singing-bridges/>

## MEMBERSHIP WEEKEND 2022



**Novi Sad, Serbia | 18-20/11/2022**

**Further information on:** <https://europeanchoralassociation.org/activities/membership-weekend/>



## EUROCHOIR



Switzerland | 07-18/07/2022

**Aim group:**

Singers

**Organisers:**

Schweizer Föderation Europa Cantat SFEC in cooperation with Schweizerische Chorvereinigung SCV



A unique choral event organised every year in a different country that offers young singers the opportunity to get together for eight days to rehearse a challenging programme and improve their vocal skills under the guidance of a vocal trainer, and to present the results of their work in public concerts. This special choir aims to promote European choral music among young singers and to encourage cultural exchange within Europe.

All the members of EuroChoir 2019 family were very friendly, gentle, caring and can empathize. Of course, the most important thing was that all of us were united by our common passion – choral art. I was very curious to see how all these people, independently of being professional musicians or coming from different countries are able to sound so beautifully together. – **Aleksandra Galinka**

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**2022 Session:**

Switzerland

**Further information on:**

[www.theEuroChoir.org](http://www.theEuroChoir.org)

## EUROPA CANTAT JUNIOR



**Vilnius, Lithuania | 15-24/07/2022**

**Aim group:** Children and youth choirs with singers under 18; children's choir conductors, managers, composers and music teachers coming without singers are invited to take part in the Study Tour

**Organisers:** Lithuanian National Culture Centre  
in cooperation with European Choral Association

This is THE place to be for children's choirs and their conductors this summer! Come and meet a nation that lives and breathes choral music, fall in love with the green Vilnius and enjoy finally being back on track! It is possible to come to the festival without any preparation whatsoever – perfect for your after-pandemic come-back!

**Further information on:** [www.europacantatjunior.org/2022](http://www.europacantatjunior.org/2022)  
**Registration opens:** January 2022

### Europa Cantat Junior festival will feature:

- 8 ateliers with world-class conductors and a spectacular final concert
- Choir-to-choir concerts in Vilnius baroque Old Town (optional participation!)
- Creative Labs where singers will explore music through science and other art forms
- Open Singing with Tom Johnson
- Study Tour with Marleen Annemans

We all like to sing – and we have a lot of fun doing it. Scientists around the world are saying that it's not only fun to sing – it's also good for you! Come to Vilnius, Lithuania's capital, and explore ways in which singing can make you feel better and be smarter. Subtitled "Smart Singing", the Europa Cantat Junior festival in Vilnius will explore the nature of sound and the benefits of making music. You will be able to perfectly tailor your participation to your after-pandemic needs: if you don't have a lot of opportunities to rehearse, you can choose an A or B level atelier that you don't need to prepare for at all; if you would like to start building up the excitement early, you can choose a C level atelier and start learning its music at home; if you're coming with very young singers, you can participate in a shorter atelier!





### **Ateliers:**

**Looking at the Stars (conductor ELISENDA CARRASCO, Spain (Catalonia))**

Shorter atelier – 4 days, difficulty level A

**age 7-10**

**Singing is Fun! (conductor HIRVO SURVA, Estonia)**

Shorter atelier – 4 days, difficulty level A

**age 10-16**

**Earth, Sea and Sky (conductor ELISE BRADLEY, Canada)**

Difficulty level A

**age 10-14**

**Epic Pop (conductor CHRISTIAN FRIS-RONSFELD, Denmark/Germany)**

Difficulty level A,

**age 12-18**

**Sounds of Nature (conductor MAUD HAMON-LOISANCE, France)**

Difficulty level B,

**age 12-18**

**Smart Singing (conductor VALERIJA SKAPIENE, Lithuania)**

Difficulty level B

**age 12-16**

**Sacred & Profane Love (conductor PETRA GRASSI, Italy/Slovenia)**

Difficulty level C

**age 12-18**

**Oblivion (conductor BASILIO ASTULEZ, Spain (Basque Country))**

Difficulty level C

**age 12-16**





# EUROPA CANTAT JUNIOR VILNIUS

15-24 July 2022



Mark your calendar and start looking forward to the perfect summer adventure in Lithuania!

#smartsinging  
[europacantatjunior.org/2022](http://europacantatjunior.org/2022)



# July 2022



## 57TH BARCELONA INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL



Barcelona, Spain | 4-10/07/2022

**Aim group:**

Choirs and individual singers

**Organisers:**

Federació Catalana d'Entitats Corals

A singing week in the beautiful city of Barcelona! Choose from three workshops with renowned conductors, sing the closing concert in the modernist hall Palau de la Música, and individual choir concerts in the Gothic church Santa Maria del Pi. With free mornings to enjoy the city!

The Festival in 2022 will have three very different workshops for all singers to enjoy: Verdi opera choir with conductor Conxita Garcia, Music for Youth and Children's Choirs with conductor Hirvo Surva, and Songs from the Mediterranean countries with conductor Juan Pablo de Juan.

**Contact:**

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## LEADING VOICES

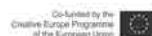


### European Days for Vocal and Choral Leaders, an event by the European Choral Association

Utrecht, The Netherlands | 27-31/07/2022

**Aim group:** Choral conductors, vocal leaders, managers, composers, music teachers

**Organisers:** European Choral Association & ZIMIHC



Leading Voices is the major event for conductors and vocal leaders by European Choral Association in 2022. The event brings the latest developments in collective singing together in one European platform, gives the floor to inspiring forerunners and established artists while providing a space for learning, co-creation and experimentation. In order to reach these goals the event emphasizes the following topics:

The event offers you a perfect opportunity to meet your peers, learn from colleagues and get inspired by artistic concepts and choirs. It's a place to co-create, exchange opinions and network, and where you get to learn more about repertoire, conducting techniques, educational methods, choral management and much more.

Leading Voices presents 70+ sessions designed to explore collective singing from a social and artistic perspective. The programme covers all genres and skill levels. The event is part of the EU funded project Training Leading Voices.

**Contact:** [info@leadingvoices.nl](mailto:info@leadingvoices.nl)

**Further information on:** [www.leadingvoices.nl](http://www.leadingvoices.nl)



# August/October 2022

## CHORALIES



Vaison-la-Romaine, France | 03-11/08/2022

**Aim group:** Choirs and singers  
**Organisers:** À Cœur Joie France

Time will come for a great musical migration towards a unique rendez-vous that only happens once every three years! The Choralies in Vaison la-Romaine, France is a great international singing festival where one can discover and exchange all kind of music and practises... a good opportunity to keep up with the current trends, and get to show off!

4000 participants from all over the world, 40 ateliers, 120 concerts, gala evening with open singing every day in the Roman theatre... and much more. Come and experience the heat of the Choralies in South of France!

**Contact:** [inscriptions@choralies.org](mailto:inscriptions@choralies.org)  
**Further information on:** [www.choralies.fr](http://www.choralies.fr)



## F.CORTI, INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR CHORAL CONDUCTORS



Torino, Italy | 21-23/10/2022

**Aim group:** Conductors  
**Organisers:** Feniarco in collaboration with ACP, Torino Conservatory of Music

The competition is one of the most important European competition for choral conductors. It aims to stimulate vocal and choral leaders to improve their skills and competences.

The competition welcomes choral conductors under 40 coming from all over the world, and the final round will admit a maximum number of 18 conductors selected by the jury of the competition.

The competition will involve 4 high-standard non-professional choirs (Coro Artemusica, Coro da camera di Torino, Gruppo Vocale Novecento and one TBD) and 1 professional international choir. The 2022 competition jury will be constituted from 5 well-known conductors (to be announced soon).

**Deadline for applications:** 31/05/2022  
**Contact:** [info@feniarco.it](mailto:info@feniarco.it)  
**Further information on:** [www.feniarco.it/en](http://www.feniarco.it/en)



# Training Leading Voices Grants

The Training Leading Voices project is proud to have awarded grants for the internationalisation of events for vocal leaders across Europe. Our grant winners in 2022 are:

## SING FOR PLEASURE: SUMMER SCHOOL 2022

### United Kingdom | 13-22/08/2022

**Organisers:** Sing For Pleasure

UK choral charity Sing for Pleasure's flagship residential training event, Summer School, has courses on offer for every kind of choral enthusiast. Running during the week:

- Our graded training programme for choral conductors and vocal leaders, which caters for all abilities from absolute beginners upwards.
- A range of full-week and part-week courses for singers, embracing various genres and musicianship skills development.

For 2022, non-UK nationals attending our Summer School conducting courses may be eligible for a bursary, thanks to funding support from Training Leading Voices.

**Further information on:** <https://singforpleasure.org.uk/sfp-summer-school22>



## ABCD CHORAL LEADERS' FESTIVAL

### Manchester, United Kingdom | 02-04/09/2022

**Organisers:** The Association of British Choral Directors

The Association of British Choral Directors' 37th Annual Convention offers inspiration for choral leaders of all types of choirs and all ages of singers in one of the UK's biggest cultural centres. Practical workshops and lectures on conducting technique, repertoire and academic research, sessions for community, church and youth choir leaders. There are performances from top UK choirs, a trade exhibition, young conductors' course, plus lots of networking opportunities. ECA members can participate at abcd member rates.

**Further information on:** [www.abcd.org.uk](http://www.abcd.org.uk)



## INTERNATIONAL CHORAL CONDUCTING SUMMER SCHOOL

Limerick | 07-13/08/2022

**Organisers:** Sing Ireland

The Association of British Choral Directors' 37th Annual Convention offers inspiration for choral leaders of all types of choirs and all ages of singers in one of the UK's biggest cultural centres. Practical workshops and lectures on conducting technique, repertoire and academic research, sessions for community, church and youth choir leaders. There are performances from top UK choirs, a trade exhibition, young conductors' course, plus lots of networking opportunities. ECA members can participate at abcd member rates.

**Further information on:** [www.abcd.org.uk](http://www.abcd.org.uk)

The only one of its kind in Ireland, this seven-day intensive course offers a wealth of expertise from international tutors, all of whom are active conductors and experienced teachers of conducting.

With courses designed to meet the abilities of every student – from beginners to advanced conductors. A range of workshops will cover stimulating topics along with daily warm-ups and choir sessions - all ensuring a varied, vibrant and valuable course to be enjoyed by all.

**Contact:** [info@singireland.ie](mailto:info@singireland.ie) | +35 361 23 48 23  
**Further information on:** <https://www.singireland.ie/training-membership/training/irish-choral-conducting-summer-school>

Training Leading Voices also awarded grants for the internationalisation of two events in 2021:

- **Association Kaunas** - International Masterclass for Choral Conducting at the International Choir Festival of Choir Music "Cantate Domino" (1st to 5th of December 2021) <https://bit.ly/3a911ll>
- **Serbian Choral Association** - From Classical to Innovative Rehearsal Methods (27-28 November 2021) [www.cxa.rs](http://www.cxa.rs)



# Beyond 2022

## WALTER STRAUSS CHORAL CONDUCTING MASTERCLASS



Ankara, Turkey | 22-28/01/2023

**Aim group:** Conductors  
**Organisers:** Koro Kùltürü Derneği

The Walter Strauss Choral Conducting Masterclass offers a possibility to work with a full-time professional choir under the lead of a world-renowned conducting teacher for one week.

The masterclass has featured in the past names like **Paulo Lourenço** (PT), **Lorenzo Donati** (IT), **Ragnar Rasmussen** (NO), **Josep Vila i Casanas** (ES) and **Jan Schumacher** (DE). In 2023 it will be lead by Georg Grün (DE) and will take place in the brand new Ankara Symphony Hall with the participation of the Turkish State Choir, the 70-voice national professional ensemble of Turkey.

**Contact:** [cokseslikoro@gmail.com](mailto:cokseslikoro@gmail.com)  
**Further information on:** [cokseslikoro.gov.tr/masterclass](https://cokseslikoro.gov.tr/masterclass)

## EUROPEAN FESTIVAL OF YOUTH CHOIRS



Basel, Switzerland | 17-21/05/2023

**Aim group:** Children & youth choirs, individual singers  
**Organisers:** European Festival of Youth Choirs Basel

International platform for highest qualified children's and youth choirs from Europe. Selected young choirs perform at more than 40 indoor and outdoor choir events. The colourful concert programme is complemented by singing workshops for individual singers and specialized workshops for conductors. Apart from the colorful concert program, there are workshops, leisure activities and sing along events. Network opportunities and education projects for choral professionals complement the program. All singers are accommodated in local host families.

**Further information on:** <https://www.ejcf.ch/en>



## EUROPEAN FESTIVAL OF YOUTH CHOIRS



Basel, Switzerland | 27/05-01/06/2025

**Deadline for applications:** 21/01/2024

## EUROPA CANTAT JUNIOR 2023



Ghent, Belgium | 05-13/07/2023

**Aim group:** Children and youth choirs / conductors  
**Organisers:** Koor & Stern

The festival will be in the very good hands of the local organizer Koor&Stem vzw, the choral organization in Flanders, which supports more than 1000 choirs and 35.000 singers and conductors in the Dutch-speaking, northern part of Belgium. They can't wait to be able to welcome hundreds of young, passionate singers from Europe and all over the world to sing and celebrate together.

**Further information on:** <https://www.koorenstem.be/en>.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION & FAQ

### How can I apply for an event?

Please contact the organisers directly, check the contact on each page.

### How do I know what I have to pay?

Information on fees is published on the website of each corresponding event.

For activities of European Choral Association and in partnership with European Choral Association there are **reduced fees** for:

- Direct members of European Choral Association
- Indirect members of European Choral Association: members of a member association of European Choral Association in country groups 1 and 2
- Participants from country groups 2 and 3 (solidarity principle)

#### Country group 1:

AT, AW, BE, CA, CY, CH, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, HK, IE, IL, IS, IT, JP, LU, NL, NO, SE, SG, UK, US

#### Country group 2:

AR, CG, CN, CO, CZ, EE, GR, MT, PE, PT, SI, SK, TW and some other overseas countries

#### Country group 3:

AL, AM, BA, BG, BY, GE, HR, HU, KZ, LT, LV, MD, ME, MK, PL, RO, RS, RU, TR, UA

For countries outside Europe the rule is that countries belong to group 1 according to HDI (index used by IFCM- [www.ifcm.net/membership-fees](http://www.ifcm.net/membership-fees)) are in country group 1, countries belonging to HDI group 2 and 3 are in country group 2. Country group 3 is reserved for European countries.

If you are not sure which country group you belong to, write to [sylvia.kerutt@EuropeanChoralAssociation.org](mailto:sylvia.kerutt@EuropeanChoralAssociation.org)

### How can I join the European Choral Association?

On [www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org](http://www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org) you will find detailed information on the advantages of memberships and the overview on votes and fees as well as application forms.

You can also contact us

#### General Secretariat

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Tel. +49 228 912 56 63

[info@EuropeanChoralAssociation.org](mailto:info@EuropeanChoralAssociation.org)

### Can I cancel my participation after applying?

In case of a short-term cancellation by the participant (whatever the reason) a general service charge must usually be paid to the organisers if costs have already occurred. By signing the registration this condition is accepted.

### Informations pratiques

Pour vous inscrire merci de contacter les organisateurs. Vous trouverez les frais de participation sur le site des organisateurs. Pour les activités European Choral Association ou "in partnership with European Choral Association", il y a des frais réduits pour des directs et indirects adhérents d'European Choral Association et pour des participants venant des pays appartenant aux groupes 2 et 3. Si vous devez annuler votre participation, à partir d'un certain moment vous ne serez plus remboursés. Pour la plupart des activités le logement est inclus ou peut être réservé par les organisateurs sur place. Si vous désirez adhérer à European Choral Association vous trouverez toutes les informations sur notre site sous « membres ».

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### Praktische Informationen

Bitte kontaktieren Sie die Veranstalter, um sich anzumelden. Die Teilnahmegebühren finden sich auf der Webiste der Veranstalter. Für Aktivitäten von European Choral Association oder in Partnerschaft mit European Choral Association gibt es ermäßigte Teilnahmegebühren für direkte und indirekte Mitglieder von European Choral Association und für Teilnehmer\*Innen aus Ländern der Gruppen 2 und 3. Falls Sie Ihre Teilnahme absagen müssen, kann die Teilnahmegebühr nach einem bestimmten Zeitpunkt nicht mehr erstattet werden. Bei den meisten Aktivitäten ist die Unterkunft inklusive oder kann über die Veranstalter gebucht werden. Informationen zur Mitgliedschaft bei European Choral Association finden Sie auf unserer Webiste unter „Mitglieder“.

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# About us



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We are a network of organisations, choirs and individuals in the field of collective singing in Europe. Through our membership we directly represent more than 2,5 million singers, conductors, composers and managers in over 40 European countries, and reach out to more than 37 million people in continental Europe active in the field of collective singing.

## Our values

We are a European non-profit organisation aimed at contributing to the mutual understanding among the European nations, their music, their languages, and their cultural life.

We base our vision and mission on the following core values:

- Inclusivity
- Diversity
- Development
- Empowerment
- Sustainability

As a democratic organisation we respect the values as described in the Convention of the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expression 2009 (add link), as well as in the UN Sustainable Development goals, and in the Five Music Rights formulated by the European/International Music Council.

The activities and the application to membership of the association are open to everyone, without any restriction based on political and religious opinion, gender, sexual orientation, abilities, cultural background or citizenship.

## Our vision

Our vision is a world where everybody experiences the benefits of singing

## Our mission

Our mission is to be the leading pan-European non-profit organisation dedicated to life-long learning and cultural exchange through collective singing.

Since 1955, our aims are to promote singing as an art form and as a tool to connect people of all ages, with a focus on children and young people, to foster cooperation and understanding between cultures, nations and individuals across social and political borders by promoting, supporting, developing and organising activities and events, and to represent the collective singing sector.

We develop the sector, together with our members, through our activities, by training and empowering singers of all ages, vocal leaders / conductors, educators / teachers, music-creators / composers, students and managers as well as organisations. We reach out to potential singers and audiences as well as those active in other arts activities and other sectors.

## We are members of

- International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM) | [www.ifcm.net](http://www.ifcm.net)
- European / International Music Council | [www.emc-imc.org/](http://www.emc-imc.org/) / [www.imc-cim.org](http://www.imc-cim.org)
- Musica International | [www.musicanet.org](http://www.musicanet.org)
- CultureAction Europe | [www.cultureactioneurope.org](http://www.cultureactioneurope.org)
- International Choral Festival Network | [www.choralfestivalnetwork.org/](http://www.choralfestivalnetwork.org/)



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## FRIENDS OF THE EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION

The association that supports the aims and work of the European Choral Association. We are a community of individuals, and of choirs, and other legal bodies who wish to support the work of the European Choral Association through our membership and through fundraising activities. The Friends incorporate the Noël Minet Fund, which specifically supports young musicians who would like to come to the events of the European Choral Association.

### Why do we have the Friends?

In 2021 the European Choral Association decided to change their membership structure to be an umbrella organisation for other associations. However, since the European Choral Association has a long tradition of having a membership of individuals and choirs that are personally close to the association and/or would like to support its work, there is a great importance in keeping this connection open.

Now, individuals and choirs are invited to become a Friend of the European Choral Association!

The Friends of the European Choral Association are a separate organisation, however there is a strong connection: The board of the Friends reserves spots for board members of the European Choral Association, and vice versa on the board of the European Choral Association there is also one spot reserved for a representative of the Friends. In this way individuals and choirs are officially represented in the board and can influence and contribute to the strategies of European Choral Association.

The Friends have been in existence since 2013 with its first purpose being to support the European Choral Association financially with fundraising activities.

### Contact:

[www.FriendsOfECA.org](http://www.FriendsOfECA.org)  
[info@friendsofec.org](mailto:info@friendsofec.org)

# Calendar

2022 | 2023




## 2022

May	25-29/05/2022	JVM – Jeunes Voix Mêlées	Thuir (FR)	16
June	27/06-02/07/2022	International Summer School Choral Lab	Gatchina (RU)	17
July	04-10/07/2022	57th Barcelona International Choral Festival	Barcelona (ES)	23
	07-18/07/2022	EuroChoir 2022	Switzerland	19
	15-24/07/2022	EUROPA CANTAT Junior Festival 2022	Vilnius (LT)	20
	19-23/07/2022	Singing Bridges Choral Festival	Novi Sad (SRB)	18
	27-31/07/2022	Leading Voices	Utrecht (NL)	24
August	03-11/08/2022	Choralies	Vaison, La Romaine (FR)	25
October	21-23/10/2022	International Competition for Choral Conductors	Torino (IT)	25
November	18-20/11/2022	GA and conference 2022	Novi Sad (SRB)	18

## 2023

January	22-28/01/2023	Walter Strauss Choral Conducting Masterclass	Ankara (TR)	28
May	17-21/05/2023	European Festival of Youth Choirs	Basel (CH)	28
July	05-13/07/2023	EUROPA CANTAT Junior Festival 2023	Ghent (BE)	28

\* Dates may be subject to change due to the impacts of the Covid-19 outbreak worldwide. Please check our website or the website of organisers for the latest updates.

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